

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

WILLIAM ADAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

JUDGE RENO, et al.,

Defendants.

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No. 4:16CV3 DDN

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Plaintiff, a prisoner, seeks leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this civil action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Having reviewed plaintiff's financial information, the Court assesses a partial initial filing fee of \$16.00, which is twenty percent of his average monthly deposit. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

The complaint is defective because it is not signed as required by Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. As a result, the Court will direct the Clerk to return the complaint to plaintiff so that he can sign it.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis [ECF No. 2] is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the plaintiff must pay an initial filing fee of \$16.00 within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. Plaintiff is instructed to make his remittance payable to "Clerk, United States District Court," and to include upon it: (1) his name; (2) his prison registration number; (3) the case number; and (4) that the remittance is for an original proceeding.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk is directed to return the complaint to plaintiff.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that plaintiff must sign the complaint and return it to the Court within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if plaintiff does not comply with this Order, the Court will dismiss this action without further proceedings.

/s/ David D. Noce  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Signed on January 7, 2016.